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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 15-30.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 31-37 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a double containment pipeline section comprising:
adhering granular material on a first face of a tape;
wrapping the tape around a primary pipeline section; and
forming a secondary pipeline section around the wrapped primary pipeline section, wherein the granular material defines ~~[an]~~ a porous annulus between the primary and secondary pipeline sections.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein forming comprises defining an annulus between the primary and secondary pipeline sections having a radial thickness no greater than about 1 mm.

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein wrapping comprises wrapping the tape around the primary pipeline section sandwiching the granular material between the tape and the primary pipeline section.

4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein wrapping comprises:
wrapping the tape around the primary pipeline section with the granular material on the outside of the tape; and

wrapping a second sealing tape over the granular material sandwiching the granular material between the two tapes.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein forming comprises:
wrapping a resin embedded material over the wrapped tape; and
curing the resin embedded material forming a secondary pipeline section.
6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
forming a primary pipeline section from resin embedded material; and
partially curing the primary pipeline section prior to wrapping the tape having the
adhered granular material.
7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
forming a primary pipeline section from resin embedded material;
sealing off the resin embedded material prior to wrapping the tape having the adhered
granular material; and
curing the formed primary and secondary pipeline sections.
8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 7 wherein sealing off the resin
embedded material comprises wrapping the formed primary pipeline section with a plastic tape.
9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein adhering granular material
to the tape comprises pulling a tape having a tacky adhesive on a first face through a container of
granular material adhering a layer of granular material on the first face.
10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein adhering granular material
to the tape comprises sprinkling granular material on a face of the tape having a tacky adhesive.

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11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein adhering comprises adhering sand on a first face of a tape.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein wrapping a tape around a primary pipeline section comprises wrapping a tape around a pipe fitting.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising helically winding a pair of spaced apart wires around the primary pipeline section so as to be in contact with the granular material.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the granular material comprises particles and wherein a majority of said particles are in contact with the primary pipeline section.

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31. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein adhering comprises providing a tacky adhesive on the first face of the tape and applying the granular material on said first face of the tape.

32. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising helically winding a pair of spaced apart wires around the primary pipeline section and within the annulus.

33. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein wrapping the tape comprises wrapping the tape with the adhered granular material around the primary pipeline section.

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34. (New) A method for forming a double containment pipeline section comprising:
adhering granular material on a first face of a tape;
wrapping the tape with adhered granular material around a primary pipeline section such that the tape is sandwiched between the granular material and the primary pipeline section; and
forming a secondary pipeline section around the wrapped primary pipeline section, wherein the granular material defines an annulus between the primary and secondary pipeline sections.

35. (New) A method as recited in claim 34 wherein the granular material defines a porous annulus. Between the primary and secondary pipeline sections.

36. (New) A method as recited in claim 34 wherein adhering comprises providing a tacky adhesive on the first face of the tape and applying the granular material on said first face of the tape.

37. (New) A method as recited in claim 34 further comprising helically winding a pair of spaced apart wires around the primary pipeline section and within the annulus.